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### **TARDEC's Dr. David Gorsich Named SAE Fellow**

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI — Dr. David Gorsich was elected to the prestigious status of “SAE fellow” by the Society of Automotive Engineers Oct. 9, 2008. Gorsich is the Associate Director for Computational Simulation and Motion Base Technology at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) in Warren MI.

Fellowship status is the highest membership grade bestowed by SAE and recognizes an individual's outstanding engineering and scientific accomplishments resulting in meaningful advances in automotive, aerospace and commercial vehicle technology. The program began in 1975 and only accepts about 20 international recipients each year.

SAE and the Army recognized Gorsich for his contributions in advancing ground vehicle reliability techniques. “His leadership has provided a path forward to design-in-reliability for ground systems,” stated TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek. “He has authored more than 150 articles in publications and journals and has supported and mentored numerous major research efforts in ground vehicle standards and technology.”

According to his nomination package, Gorsich has been active in the ground vehicle community for more than 18 years. He has served on standards committees, encouraged automotive research funding, participated at various special SAE events and actively supported exhibitors at events. He also has fostered and improved the long relationship between SAE, the Army and industry and academic partners, including the University of Michigan Automotive Research Center, University of Iowa Center for Computer Aided Design, Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research and Ohio State University Center of Automotive Research.

University of Iowa Professor Dr. Kyung K. Choi nominated Gorsich and praised his efforts to improve relationships with the SAE, Army, academia and industry. “The SAE fellow grade is a very well-deserved recognition for his strong leadership, technical contributions and meritorious services,” explained Choi.



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As is the tradition, Gorsich and the 2008-2009 class of SAE fellows will receive public recognition among their peers in ceremonies at the 2009 SAE World Congress, to be held April 20-23, 2009, in Detroit, MI.

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TARDEC's Dr. David Gorsich was recently honored with the status Society of Automobile Engineers fellow. Gorsich, the Associate Director for Computational Simulation and Motion Base Technology at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, stands in front of the crew station/turret motion base simulator in the laboratory he oversees. The simulator is currently testing the Future Combat Systems turret. (U.S. Army TARDEC photo by Bill Dowell)

*TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military ground systems and automotive technology. A leading technology integrator for the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), TARDEC is headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, located in the heart of the world's automotive capitol. TARDEC is a major element of RDECOM and partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. As a full life-cycle engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons and vehicle systems, TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provide superior capabilities for the Future Force. TARDEC's technical staff leads research in ground vehicle survivability; mobility/power and energy; robotics and intelligent systems; maneuver support and sustainment; and vehicle electronics and architecture. TARDEC develops and maintains ground vehicles for all U.S. Armed Forces and numerous federal agencies.*

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